

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tubuloreticular Structures in Kaposi's Sarcoma Cells Are Not an Ultrastructural Marker for AIDS

Recently, Konrad et al. (1) reported in an ultrastructural study that intracellular tubuloreticular structures are confined to AIDS-associated Kaposi's sarcoma and are never observed in classic Kaposi's sarcoma that is not related to the syndrome. Other authors, however, have described tubuloreticular structures in cells in both a classic Kaposi's sarcoma (2) and a Kaposi's sarcoma in an immunosuppressed renal transplant recipient (3). We have found intracellular tubuloreticular structures in both an atypical classic Kaposi's sarcoma (4) and 3 out of 8 endemic African Kaposi's sarcomas (5). It thus seems clear that tubuloreticular structures in Kaposi's sarcoma cells cannot be used as an ultrastructural marker for AIDS.

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